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*President Bone*

Regular Meeting of the University Council  
(Not Approved by the Council)

January 16, 1957

No. 11

The regular meeting of the University Council was called to order at 7:15 by the chairman, Mr. Sorensen.

Members Present

Robert Bone  
Victor Gimmestad  
Arthur Larsen  
Harry Lovelass  
Clyde McCormick  
Elizabeth Russell  
Ruth Stroud  
Herman Tiedeman  
Bjarne Ullsvik

Members Absent

Chris De Young  
Arthur Watterson  
Leo Yedor

Non-Members Present

Bradford Barber  
Ruth Freyberger  
Robert Moore  
Harlan Peithman  
Sadie Udstuen

*Ruth Zimmerman*  
*Frank Sorensen*

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as written.

The first item on the agenda was a report of the committee on group insurance by Mr. Ullsvik, chairman. Mr. Ullsvik gave a progress report and told of plans for continued study of this problem. Our Blue Cross Plan has been compared with other insurance plans and there will be consultation with representatives of some insurance companies. At present, our students are not included in the Blue Cross Plan and have very little protection. Mr. Bone suggested that Dr. Hardy and two students be added to the committee on group insurance. The group asked Mr. Ullsvik to take the responsibility of selecting these students.

The chairman announced some committee appointments. Dr. De Young was appointed to represent the Council on the committee for setting up principles under which the new Salary Committee might operate. Miss Zimmerman was appointed to assume responsibility for faculty elections. She asked for six members of the Council to help count the ballots for the Council election in February. Mr. Gimmestad, Mr. Sorensen, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Tiedeman and Miss Russell volunteered to assist Miss Zimmerman. These persons will meet in A-303 on Thursday, February 14, at four o'clock.

There was some discussion of the problem of some faculty members being nominated who did not wish to serve on the Council. Mr. Tiedeman suggested that a committee be appointed to make some recommendations on this problem in the near future. The chairman appointed Mr. Gimmestad and Miss Zimmerman to work on this committee. Mr. Gimmestad moved that the names of persons who are going on leave be posted on the faculty bulletin board before the Council election. The motion was seconded by Mr. O'Connor and was passed.

The chairman further announced that Mr. O'Connor would represent the Council on the committee to study the general procedure to be followed by the faculty and departments in making recommendations to the APT Committee. Mr. Lovelass will serve as a representative of the APT Committee. Miss Russell was appointed to represent the Council on a committee to review the basic criteria to be used by the committee in granting or withholding salary increases or changes in rank.

In 1955 the University Council asked the Scholarship Committee to evaluate present admission procedures and to report to the Council at a subsequent meeting. Mr. Robert Moore, chairman of the Scholarship Committee, gave a report which reviewed the present admission procedure, indicated areas in which improvement has occurred,

and raised questions for further study. Members of the Council expressed appreciation for the work of this committee. Dr. Bone stated that he had been meeting with this committee, since he is particularly interested in this problem. He stated that there will be a report from the Scholarship Committee at a future faculty meeting. After some discussion, Mr. Gimmestad moved that the Scholarship Committee study questions 8a, c, d, e, and f in this report. The motion was seconded by Mr. O'Connor and was passed. These questions are:

- 8a. Should additional studies be made in an attempt to discover criteria which will enable us to predict which students accepted by present procedures have poor chances of succeeding in college?
- c. Should grading standards (percentage of letter grades given and quantity and quality of work required to secure various grades) be studied in view of the relatively high grades given to students and of the relatively low ACE scores of students?
- d. Should studies of standards for admission to graduate school be made?
- e. Should data be gathered to show trends in probation status of students?
- f. Do we need admission standards for transfer students?

The chairman asked that the Council meet in Executive Session.

Reference was made to the executive session of the November, 1956, Council Meeting at which time discussion was focused on procedures for the selection of department heads for Music and Agriculture. The Council has decided that a committee consisting of two members from the Council, two members from the department, and the Dean be appointed to recommend candidates to the president.

The secretary was requested to send a communication to the Committee on Committees to find out if they would be willing to assume the responsibility of studying and making recommendations concerning the improvement of the present system of faculty committees.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:45 o'clock.

Clarence Sorensen, Chairman

Elizabeth Russell, Secretary